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LEE'S SUMMIT MAN SENTENCED FOR CHILD PORN

KANSAS CITY, Mo. – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that a Lee's Summit, Mo., man was sentenced in federal court today for illegally receiving child pornography over the Internet.

Terry K. Birge, 49, of Lee's Summit, was sentenced by U.S. District Judge Scott O. Wright this morning to five years and three months in federal prison without parole. The court also ordered **Birge** to forfeit to the government a computer that was used to commit the offense.

On Feb. 9, 2005, **Birge** pleaded guilty to receiving child pornography over the Internet between May 1 and Nov. 18, 2003. The violation involved at least 10 images of child pornography, including at least one visual depiction that involved a minor under the age of 12 and at least one visual depiction portraying sadistic and masochistic and violent conduct, Graves said.

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Katharine Fincham. The case was investigated by the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

This news release, as well as additional information about the office of the United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, is available on-line at

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